

REMARKS

The Claim Amendments

Applicants have withdrawn claims 9-33 and 35, without prejudice. Applicants have amended claims 1, 34 and 36 to improve their form and correspond them to the elected subject matter.

None of the amendments to the claims constitutes new matter. Claims 1-8, 34, 36 and 37 are now pending in this application.

The Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required an election and restriction of the subject matter in the claims of this application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372. Specifically, the Examiner states that the claims contain groups of inventions that are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Examiner has required the applicant to elect a single invention, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.499.

The Election

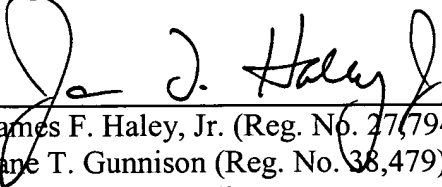
Applicants hereby elect Group 30, without traverse, for further prosecution in this application. Applicants have amended the claims of Group 30, i.e., claims 1-8, 34, 36-37, to correspond them to the elected SEQ ID NO:112.

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Applicants make this election expressly without waiver of their right to file for and to obtain claims directed to the non-elected subject matter in divisional or continuing applications claiming priority and benefit herefrom.

Applicants request favorable consideration and early allowance of the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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